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REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

MODIFICATIONS TO THE FACT SHEET OF THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM GENERAL PERMIT (NPDES) FOR DISCHARGES OF STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES Order No. 99-08-DWQ (CGP)

The hearing originally scheduled for March 30, 2004 and the meeting scheduled for April 22, 2004 have been rescheduled as shown below.

Hearing

Tuesday, May 4, 2004 – 10:00 a.m.
Sierra Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a public hearing on May 4, 2004 to hear oral comments on the draft modifications to the Fact Sheet of the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity. The modifications are intended to provide explanation and guidance for the modifications to the sampling and analysis provisions, which were adopted April 2001, by Resolution No. 2001-046.

The SWRCB will not take final action at the hearing. The draft modifications to the Fact Sheet will be considered for adoption at a future meeting. The interested public will be informed of the time and place for this meeting.

The SWRCB will consider written comments on the draft Modification to the Fact Sheet for Order No. 99-08-DWQ only if received by close of business on **March 30, 2004**.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this modification to the Fact Sheet for the CGP is to provide guidance to owners and operators of construction sites who are permittees under the CGP. This Permit was modified in 2001 by Resolution No. 2001-046, "*Modification of Water Quality Order 99-08-DWQ State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit For Storm Water Discharges Associated With Construction Activity (CGP)*." The modifications to the CGP made by Resolution No. 2001-046 require that a sampling and analysis strategy and sampling schedule for certain discharges from construction activity be developed, included, and implemented in the project's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The modifications are found in Section B: Monitoring Program and Reporting Requirements, Numbers 7 and 8.

The proposed draft modifications are provided to avoid misinterpretation of the sampling and analysis requirements. They provide information on when sampling and analysis are required, how to perform



sampling and analysis, what conclusions may be drawn from the sampling and analysis results, and explain the rationale for the required sampling.

PUBLIC HEARING ISSUES

The SWRCB is interested in receiving comments regarding the implementation of the sampling and analysis requirements of the CGP. The SWRCB is specifically interested in receiving comments on practical realities of sampling and analysis of storm water discharges from construction sites; field analysis as compared to laboratory analysis; problems associated with preparation of sampling and analysis plans for SWPPP documents; and associating visual inspections with the need to sample the discharge. Only comments pertaining to these Fact Sheet modifications and to the implementation of the sampling and analysis requirements of the CGP will be considered.

REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS, COMMENTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The draft of this Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document and the Permit, including Section B, Nos. 7 and 8, are electronically available for review at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/stormwtr/index.html>

If you do not have access to the Internet and want a paper copy of the draft Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document, mail requests to: Ms. Kathleen Groody, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 1977, Sacramento, California, 95812-1977. Please allow at least one week for delivery. Unless otherwise extended by the SWRCB, comments on the draft Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document will be accepted if received by March 30, 2004. Comments can be submitted by FAX to (916) 341-5543, or e-mailed to: stormwater@swrcb.ca.gov.

Questions regarding this public Hearing or the SWRCB meeting should be directed to the Storm Water Section at (916) 341-5536 or email us at: stormwater@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov or call (916) 341-5536 and leave a message clearly stating your name, mailing address, and phone number.

LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

Directions to the Joe Serna Jr./Cal EPA Building are available at the web page indicated above. All visitors to the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level so please allow up to 15 minutes for this process. The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting date. TTY users may contact the California Relay service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.


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March 16, 2004